

What We Have and What Vinita Needs

Splendid Business Opportunities Here for Flour Mill, Creamery and Brick Yard.

Vinita affords a splendid opening for a flour mill. We are in the center of a vast wheat and corn country and, with the rural population, our stores supply from eight to ten thousand persons; yet we have no flour mill. We have a well equipped corn mill with a capacity of 6,000 pounds of chop feed every hour. This mill has an output of meal, feed and grain.

There is room here for a planing mill, as all finished lumber and interior woods are imported. These two opportunities certainly would be filled at once if some

We afford an exceptional opportunity for a canning plant, as this region is exceptionally a fine tomato raising country. We can supply enough fruit, vegetables and berries to keep a cannery of creditable size running most of the year.

We need factories of all kinds to supply the home market and, as this region is being rapidly settled up—any business now established is bound to expand.

We have a local telephone system and connection by long distance wire with all nearby towns and as far as Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago.

specialists and opticians, two or three coal yards, three corn shellers and elevators, steam laundry, two merchandise brokers, four shoemakers and one exclusive shoe store, Wells Fargo and American express offices, one gunsmith, painters, decorators and plumbers, two bakeries, public library, six barber shops, lodges of all the secret societies, half a dozen stock buyers and shippers, a dozen or so contractors, music store, ten or a dozen hay buyers and shippers, two photographers, four dentists, seven or eight physicians, three second hand stores, two plumbing establishments, wholesale and retail ice cream factory, five strong banks, two undertaking establishments, three good hardware stores, six white and two colored churches, Sacred Heart Institute, a sister's school for boys and girls, and Willie Halsell college, a Methodist institution of learning of a high standard and reputation, public school for all the children.

Vinita is the seat of the Federal court and the officials of the Northern district of Indian Territory.

posts are hung the deerskin drums, the medicine rattles and the turtle shell anklets to be used by the dancers. Near by are placed cone-shaped jars of antique native pottery, filled with the medicine drink, a dark and exhilarating decoction of "mek-ko-ho yah-ne-chah." When all is in readiness the drums begin their strange, rhythmic roll, and the dancers after partaking of the mystic beverage, adorn themselves with the anklets, seize the rattles and begin their ceremony. At first their movements are slow and they chant in low, dismal voices; but later, when the dancers become thoroughly imbued with the frenzy of the dance, they leap and shout and gesticulate with an intensity that alone can be acquired by the wild life they lead, and the intensity and chanting grows until endurance leaves and the devotees fall to the ground in a semi-conscious state that lasts for a long time.

Let the Indian Alone.

Indian Commissioner W. A. Jones is in favor of abolishing Indian agencies all over the country and teaching the Indians to be self-reliant. It would be the best act of the government in connection with its Indian policy if this were done. The Indian is as capable of supporting and taking care of himself if permitted to do so, as any other class of citizenship. It is schools the Indians want, not agencies—their teachers, not agents. The Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes hardly come under the head of "agency Indians" as they are civilized, do not depend upon the government for support, nor do they lack in all the elements of good citizenship. Some of the best men of the Southwest are Indians. The Indian is the equal of any race, intellectually, and otherwise, and all he needs is a chance. The Indians of the Indian Territory have proved that.—Holdenville Tribune.

Sprains.

S. A. Reed, Cisco, Texas, writes, March 11th, 1901: "My wrist was sprained so badly by a fall that it was useless; and after using several remedies that failed to give relief, used Ballard's Snow Liniment, and was cured. I earnestly recommend it to any one suffering from sprains." 25c, 50c, \$1.10. Sold by Peoples' drug store.

Miss Winnie Meredith is prepared to do all kinds of fancy dressmaking at her home on South Wilson street, opposite U. S. jail. 100 tf

PROTECTING CHILDREN

In a case that came before Judge J. T. Dickerson, at Ada last week, there was a guardian for a girl 6 years old and a boy 10 years old, each of the children having 100 acres of good land. The evidence showed that the guardians had made leases for their wards for \$50 a year, for the use of 200 acres of land, about one-half of which was in cultivation, and for a term of five years in each case. These leases came before the judge for approval, as the News reports it, and in passing on them he said:

"I have no language in which to express my feelings of this kind; to have great big men, standing six feet, and seemingly possessed of all the qualifications of men, stand up before me and with a solemn countenance that would do credit a minister of the Gospel, ask me to approve such a lease, while this little boy is playing at the cross roads with his marbles and his wooden horse, and this little black haired, 6-year-old Indian girl with her dolls, men, guardians of these children, shamefully bickering and trafficking in the estates of these two children. If I can do nothing else in this district, I hope to teach some of the guardians to more fully appreciate the trust that has been reposed in them."

Abcess.

W. H. Harrison, Cleveland, Miss., writes, August 15, 1902: "I want to say a word of praise for Ballard's Snow Liniment. I stepped on a nail, which caused the cords in my leg to contract and an abcess to rise in my knee, and the doctor told me that I would have a stiff leg, so one day I went to J. F. Lord's drug store (who is now in Denver, Colo.) He recommended a bottle of Snow Liniment; I got a 50c size, and it cured my leg. It is the best liniment in the world."

ABCESS, with few exceptions, are indicative of constipation or debility. They may, however, result from blows or from foreign bodies, introduced into the skin or flesh, such as splinters, thorns, etc. People's drug store. w

A Free Puzzle.

Dr. G. G. Green, Woodbury, New Jersey, will mail to any one sending a two cent stamp to pay postage, one of his novelties called German syrup and August Flower puzzle. It is a great eye and nerve tester. Mention this paper.

Pure Food

is very essential, especially this weather. Buy your eatables from a clean, fresh stock. We now handle home grown fresh Meats. They are fat and cleanly handled. Quality and quantity go together here.

Best of all

We will not be any higher in price. We invite your inspection of our

Good Things to Eat

and respectfully solicit a trial order. Call us up. Phone 164. Prompt delivery.

Curd Grocery & Market

(Weir Bros. old stand.)

Pure Drugs

FINE SOAPS, PERFUMES, POWDERS, JEWELRY, CLOCKS AND WATCHES & COMPLETE LINE OF NEW JEWELRY

A. P. OWENS

Foreman's Old Stand

Another Car BAIN & WEBBER WAGONS.

Also car Anchor Buggies just received. Call and see them before buying. Will give you better value for your money than anyone.

Spaulding Bros., VINITA AND CHELSEA.



SACRED HEART INSTITUTE, VINITA

enterprising man who understands either of those two branches of industry should become acquainted with the business possibilities.

We have excellent clay adjacent to the city, and it seems strange from the amount of brick used in and about town and neighboring localities that some enterprising brick maker has not already taken advantage of this certainly splendid opening. Vinita certainly needs a brick yard.

We have, in addition to the waterworks system described in another column, an electric light and ice plant, wholesale grocery, four big implement houses, two furniture stores, one daily and three weekly newspapers, three real estate companies, five dry goods and eight grocery stores, bottling works, hotels and restaurants, two tin shops, wholesale poultry house, racket store, two saddlery houses, opera house, livery stables, four eye

The Indian Dance.

Indian dances that used to be so common in years ago are now "features" in the picnic life of the territory. Now a dance by full-bloods is heralded as an "event" and drawing attraction.

When the braves are ready to dance a square of ground is selected, around which are arranged their tipis. On

"It Pays to Buy Shoes at the Shoe Store."

Wright-Milford Shoe Company

Fine Footwear and Men's Furnishing Goods.



In Style Fit and Workmanship our Ladies' Shoes surpass anything shown in this country as the ideas of Vinita have come to admit.

**Fall Styles
Now on
Display**

Men's Furnishing Goods

A complete and high grade line of Men's Furnishing Goods has lately been added to the shoe stock embracing shirts, collars, underwear, hose, ties, suspenders, handkerchiefs and all articles of this description, caps and gloves included. This with the made-to-measure clothing orders we take, equip us to clothe a man as stylishly and as cheaply as though we lived in the great eastern cities. Perfect fit guaranteed.

The Celebrated Ralston Health Shoes

Which have no equal at the price—\$4.00, are sold exclusively by us. (See advertising in all the magazines.)

Better Goods Than Elsewhere at Lower Prices

This is our Constant Endeavor and the Alacrity with which we have captured the shoe trade of this section encourages the belief that our efforts have been appreciated.

Fall and Winter Shoes, School Shoes and Men's Furnishings

These are now the seasonable needs and we are amply equipped to meet all demands.

**We Fit All Feet
in All Grades**

Unlimited Line of School Shoes to select from and a pocket knife or a pair of misses' hose with every pair of school shoes sold.

In Men's Heavy Winter Shoes and Boots

As well as in the lighter and finer grade. We have more attractive offerings than can possibly be found with the "make-a-specialty of" general merchandise houses, who do a hit or miss job of fitting the feet, and a sure thing of getting all there is in it.



We Sell and Guarantee Fay Stockings

And have a Complete Assortment of sizes and weights to select from. The M waists for children also in stock.



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